

1. School Quiz

It's back to school already – don't those summer weeks just fly by? To mark the return to things academic, we've put together a little general knowledge quiz for your students. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/september/IO062S-schoolquiz.pdf>

Level

Good Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Divide the class into two teams. Give the first team the worksheet marked Team A and the other team the worksheet marked Team B.

2. Ask your students to work together with other team members to unscramble the questions. The first has been done as an example. Tell them not to worry about the clues (in brackets) at this stage – the are for question 2. Teacher's role at this stage should be to monitor and help students to form the questions.

3. When both teams have finished writing the questions, ask them to work together to answer each question. At this stage they should use the clues (in brackets) to give them some help. Encourage your students to have a guess at each question even if they are not sure. The teacher can also offer some other clues to give students a better chance of getting some right.

4. When everyone has finished, ask the two teams to face each other (this can be done in pairs if you have a large class). Explain that each team has the other team's answers, but in a random order. Ask teams to take it in turns to read out their question and then to give their answer. If the answer resembles one of the answers the other team has, they should award the relevant number of points to the other team. If the answer is wrong, they should give the correct answer and award no points.

Example: Team A: *Our question is how do snakes smell? We think the answer is with their tongues.*

Team B: *That's right. One point. Where was gunpowder invented? We think the answer is Japan.*

Team A: *Sorry, it was invented in China. No points.*

5. The team with most points at the end is the winner.

Team A's questions

1. How do snakes smell?
2. Who invented the telephone?

Answers

With their tongues
Alexander Graham Bell

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| 3. How often are cows milked | Twice a day |
| 4. Where is the Sea of Tranquility? | On the moon |
| 5. Which is the world's longest road? | The Pan-American Highway |
| 6. Which is the only mammal that can fly? | The bat |
| 7. Which is the highest waterfall and where is it? | The Angel Falls, Venezuela |
| 8. In which modern city were the first Modern Olympics held? | Athens (Greece) |

Team B's questions

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| 1. Where was gunpowder invented? | In China |
| 2. What did Louis Pasteur invent? | Pasteurization |
| 3. What is <i>Bollywood</i> and where is it? | India's film industry, Bombay |
| 4. How are distances measured in space? | In light years |
| 5. Who was the first man on the moon? | Neil Armstrong |
| 6. How many vertebrae does a giraffe have? | 24 |
| 7. Why should bananas not be stored with other fruit? | They give off a gas which causes other fruit to ripen quickly and then rot |
| 8. In <i>The Simpsons</i> what is the name of Bart's father? | Homer |

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://school.discovery.com/quizcenter/quizcenter.html>

Want to make your own quizzes? Look no further.

<http://www.coolquiz.com/quizzes/>

There are so many quizzes here!

<http://www.quiz.co.uk/>

And here's another quiz site.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/1530/simptriv.html>

And this last one is just for diehard fans of *The Simpsons*.